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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE WAYS AND
MEANS COMMITTEE

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1. POST WARMLY WELCOMES PROPOSED VISIT TO PARIS.
ALTHOUGH AMBASSADOR HARTMAN MAY BE OUT OF PARIS, HE
HOPES TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH CODEL. CONTROL OFFICER
FOR THE VISIT IS ADRIAN BASORA, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.
THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULING SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN
FORMULATED ALONG LINES INDICATED IN REFTEL.

2. POST WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ON THE EUROPEAN TAX COUNCIL WHICH IS NOT KNOWN TO THE
EMBASSY, NOR THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NOR
THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

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3. ACCORDING TO THEIR OFFICES, PRIME MINISTER BARRE,
MINISTER OF FINANCE MONORY, MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE
DENIAU, AND OECD SECRETARY GENERAL EMILE VAN LENNEP
HAVE NO PLANS TO BE AWAY FROM PARIS NOVEMBER 27
ALTHOUGH THIS COULD EASILY CHANGE IN THE INTERIM AND OF
COURSE THEIR OTHER COMMITMENTS ARE NOT YET KNOWN FOR
THESE DATES. THESE OFFICIALS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR

DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROGRESS OF THE MTN AND GENERAL
ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AS REQUESTED.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBERS MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER
VISITING WITH MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH CHAMBRE DES DEPUTES.
DEPENDING ON CODEL DESIRES, WE COULD ALSO SCHEDULE A
PRIVATE SECTOR BRIEFING FOR EXAMPLE WITH THE PATRONAT,
THE LEADING ASSOCIATION OF FRENCH BUSINESSES.

5. IN ORDER TO BE IN GENEVA THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER
28, THE CODEL SHOULD PLAN TO TRAVEL LATE AFTERNOON OR
EVENING ON MONDAY, NOV. 27. THERE ARE SEVERAL
FLIGHTS, WHICH REQUIRE 55-60 MINUTES, DEPARTING FROM
EITHER CHARLES DE GAULLE (A 45 MINUTE DRIVE FROM THE
CENTER OF PARIS) OR ORLY (WHICH IS 20-30 MINUTES
AWAY EXCEPT DURING RUSH HOUR). THERE ARE DEPARTURES
AT 16:00, 17:30, 18:00, 19:30, 19:40, AND 21:45.

6. IF THE CODEL ARRIVES AS PLANNED ON NOVEMBER 25,
THIS LEAVES ONLY ONE WORKING DAY DURING WHICH
APPOINTMENTS MAY BE SCHEDULED. WE WOULD LIKE TO
PROPOSE A BRIEFING ON GENERAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
CONDITIONS (45-60 MINUTES) MONDAY MORNINQ FOLLOWED BY
THE SESSION WITH THE TAX COUNCIL. OTHER APPOINTMENTS
COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR LUNCH AND THE REST OF THE
AFTERNOON. GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,
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PARTICULARLY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH FRENCH VIPS.
HARTMAN

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